

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-9, 15, 16, 19, 24-27, 33 and 34 have been amended. Claims 2-4, 10-14, 20-23, and 28-32 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 17, 18, 35 and 35 remain unchanged. New claims 37 and 38 have been added.

No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration and reexamination of the above-referenced patent application, is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection

Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Claims 1, 9, 19, and 27 have been amended. Applicants submit that the rejection has been overcome.

Claim Objection

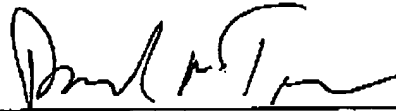
Claims 4-8, 13-16, 22-26, and 31-34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The limitations in the above claims have been included in the corresponding base claim and the intervening claims. Applicants submit that these claims are in the condition for allowance.

Claims 37 and 38 have been added and include the limitations specified by the Examiner in the Office Action as not taught by the references of record. Applicants submit that these claims are in the condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call David Tran at (408) 765-4692.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,



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